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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled.

Allowed Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-5.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 6 and 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Röver (U.S. 5,292,732), and Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Paquette et al. (J. Org. Chem. 1989, 54, pp. 5044-5053). Although Applicants do not agree with the propriety of the rejection, Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice, solely to facilitate issuance of the claims indicated to be allowed. Applicants reserve the ability to pursue the canceled claims, or similar claims, in one or more continuing patent applications. The rejection is therefore moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns that might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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